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Based on the foregoing, Parsons et al. fails to disclose the requirements of amended independent claims 1-3 for: automatically transferring the incoming unanswered call to an intranet gateway; automatically transferring the incoming unanswered call to an intended recipient; causing the intranet gateway to automatically

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Dependent claims 4-22 are allowable for the same reason advanced for the claims upon which they depehd. In addition, many of these claims include limitations not disclosed in the applied references. For example, claim 4 requires the intranet gateway that automatically converts the incoming unanswered call to a VoIP call to perform the last two steps of claim 1 on the converted VoIP call. Claim 8 requires the

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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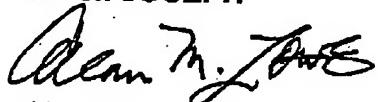
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